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SUBJECT: U.S -ZAMBIAN RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR MWALE CALLED ON ASST. SEC. EASUM JUNE 28 FOR LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF U.S.-ZAMBIAN RELATIONS. HE SAID HE PLANNED DURING HIS TOUR HERE TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUING DIALOG WITH EASUM. SUBJECTS WHICH MWALE RAISED INCLUDED: (A) REASONS WHY U.S. SHOULD SUPPORT PRESIDENT KAUNDA; (B) DESIRE FOR COOPERATION WITH U.S. IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; (C) ROLE ZAMBIA HOPES U.S. WILL PLAY IN INFLUENCING PORTUGUESE POLICY TOWARD AFRICAN TERRITORIES; CONFIDENTIAL

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(D) ZAMBIAN FONMIN'S DESIRE TO RESCHEDULE MEETING WITH

SECRETARY.

2. PRESIDENT KAUNDA: MWALE EXPRESSED HIS CONVICTION THAT USG WOULD DO WELL TO SUPPORT KAUNDA EVEN IF INTERNAL PROBLEMS DEVELOPED IN ZAMBIA. HE DREW ATTENTION TO HIS COUNTRY'S STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHIC POSITION, ARGUING THAT AS LONG AS KAUNDA REMAINS IN POWER THIS TROUBLED AREA OF AFRICA WILL REMAIN STABLE. KAUNDA WAS PRINCIPAL STABILIZING ELEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND, LIKE USG, FAVORED PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS IN AREA. EASUM ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT USG HAD HIGH REGARD FOR KAUNDA AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE HE IS PLAYING IN ZAMBIA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. ECONOMIC COOPERATION: MWALE AVERRED THAT, EXCEPT FOR THE TAW CASE, ZAMBIA'S GOOD RECORD IN MEETING ITS OBLIGA-

TIONS WARRANTS U.S. INVESTMENT. HE NOTED ZAMBIA'S NATURAL RESOURCES, IN WHICH U.S. BUSINESS HAS INVESTED SUBSTANTIALLY. ADDITIONAL AREAS IN WHICH U.S. INVESTMENT AND/OR COOPERATION WOULD BE WELCOME INCLUDE SUGAR PRODUCTION AND REFINING, AGRO-INDUSTRY GENERALLY, CONSTRUCTION, TOURISM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN MANY AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT ZAMBIA HAS MATERIAL RESOURCES BUT LACKS HUMAN ELEMENT OF EXPERTISE. IN EXPRESSING U.S. INTEREST IN CONTINUING COOPERATION, EASUM POINTED OUT THE SOMETIMES EMBARRASSING PAUCITY OF USG ASSISTANCE RESOURCES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AND THE FACT THAT, SINCE INVESTMENT DECISIONS ARE MADE BY PRIVATE ENTITIES RATHER THAN USG, LATTER'S PREFERENCES ARE NOT ALWAYS FOLLOWED.

4. U.S. INFLUENCE ON PORTUGAL: BULK OF DISCUSSION WAS DEVOTED TO ZAMBIA'S HOPE THAT USG WILL PLAY POSITIVE ROLE IN INFLUENCING PORTUGAL ON QUESTION OF COLONIES. MWALE REFERRED TO EFFORTS ZAMBIA IS MAKING WITH ANGOLAN AND MOZAMBIKAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO FIND A SOLUTION WHICH PROVIDES A PEACEFUL MEANS TO FULL INDEPENDENCE. ZAMBIA SEEKS U.S. HELP IN PERSUADING PORTUGAL TO BE FORTHCOMING AT THIS CRUCIAL JUNCTURE. MWALE STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT FEARS RACIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IF SITUATION NOT HANDLED PROPERLY. EASUM INDICATED USG SHARED ZAMBIAN

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OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY WISH TO AVOID WARFARE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. PROBLEM IS WHAT KIND OF ROLE USG CAN USEFULLY PLAY WITH GOP AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. POLITICAL SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AT PRESENT IS SUFFICIENTLY DELICATE THAT U.S. PRESSURE MIGHT PRODUCE UNDESIRABLE RESULT" HE CONCLUDED THAT U.S. IS REVIEWING THIS COMPLICATED SITUATION CAREFULLY WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHETHER IT CAN PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

5. FONMIN VISIT: ZAMBIAN FONMIN MWAANGA IS ANXIOUS TO RESCHEDULE EARLIER POSTPONED VISIT WITH SECRETARY BETWEEN NOW AND OPENING OF UNGA IN SEPTEMBER. MWAANGA WOULD BE WILLING TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR SUCH MEETING IN LATE JULY OR AUGUST. EASUM PROMISED TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING VISIT, BUT NOTED EXTREME DIFFICULTY OF FORECASTING SECRETARY'S TRAVEL PLANS AND FITTING VISIT INTO HIS VERY BUSY SCHEDULE. SISCO

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